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SUBJ: GOG DENIES REPORT OF WILLS' STATEMENT IN ZAMBIA; REAFFIRMS
SUPPORT FOR MPLA

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED UNDER BANNER HEADLINE OF
QUOTE APARTHEID WAR BEING WAGED IN ANGOLA - WILLS UNQUOTE
IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED CHRONICLE JAN 5. IT SHARED FRONT
PAGE WITH LARGE PHOTOS OF PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, PRESIDENT
CHUNG, PPP LEADER JAGAN AND CUBAN AAS ADOR AT CUBAN NATIONAL
DAY CELEBRATION.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. FOREIGN MINISTER FRED WILLS HAS BEEEN MISREPORTED
ZAMBIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS ABOUT GUYANA'S
POSITION IN RELATION TO THE ANGOLAN SITUATION, ACCORDING TO
A STATEMENT YESTERDAY FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN
WHICH HE (SIC) STRESSED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

NOW ON A VISIT TO ZAMBIA TO CONSULT WITH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENTS ON THE ANGOLAN ISSUE, THE MINISTRY SAID
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COMRADE WILLS MADE THREE PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN ZAMBIA.

BEGIN SUBQUOTE (A) GUYANA HAD BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF ANGOLA'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARED ITS SUPPORT FOR A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OAU POLICY AND THE SENTIMENTS OF SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES AT THE TIME, WHICH INCLUDED THE CALL FOR THE END TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

(B) SINCE INDEPENDENCE THE INTERVENTION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE ANGOLA WAR HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO THE CONFLICT WHICH GUYANA BELIEVES CALLS FOR A REVIEW OF THE ANGOLAN SITUATION. THE ELEMENTS IN THE NEW SITUATION ARE;

(1) SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION MEANS THAT THE BATTLE FOR APARTHEID IS NOW BEING WAGED IN ANGOLA;

(2) LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHO SUPPORT THIS INTERVENTION ACTIVELY OR OTHERWISE HAVE FORFEITED THE RIGHT TO BE REGARDED AS SUCH SINCE THE RACIST REGIME HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE;

(3) SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION MUST BE SEPARATED FROM THE PRESENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN ANGOLA, SOME OF WHICH HAVE A REPUTATION FOR ASSISTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE AND ALL OF WHOM, UNLIKE SOUTH AFRICA, WERE INVITED TO ASSIST ONE MOVEMENT OR ANOTHER;

(4) SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION RENDERS THE YUM ZIMBABW PROBLEM REFRACTORY AND ENCOURAGES SMITH TO BE OBDURATE AND TO PERSIST WITH HIS ILLEGAL REGIME.

(C) AS FAR AS GUYANA IS CONCERNED OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID IS THE CORNERSTONE OF ITS SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY AND SINCE SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION IT HAS BEEN REVIEWING ITS POLICY TOWARDS ANGOLA.

(D) GUYANA CANNOT SUPPORT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THAT SIDE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

(E) GUYANA IS CONSULTING WITH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS THE PURPOSE BEING TO MAKE ITS POSITION CLEAR AND TO ASCERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR VIEWS
IN THE LIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION.
IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS VISITING ZAMBIA END SUBQUOTE END QUOTE.
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